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Federal Aviation Administration Paper Certificates Expire – Must Convert to Plastic

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued changes to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulation (CFR), Parts 47, 61, 63, and 65 in compliance with Docket No. FAA-2006-26714. Individuals who have been issued a paper FAA certificate (Pilot, Airframe and/or Powerplant, Flight Engineer, etc.) will need to change their certificate to the new plastic certificate.

Individuals who are certificated under Title 14, CFR Part 61, *Certification: Pilots, Flight instructors, and Ground Instructors* who have been issued the paper certificate must change their certificate to the plastic certificate by 31 March 2010. Individuals affected are those who have been issued the following FAA certificates: Pilot, Flight Instructor, Ground Instructor, etc.

The change to Title 14, CFR Part 61.19, *Duration of Pilot and Instructor Certificates*, subparagraph (g) was issued on 28 February 2008 and states "Duration of pilot certificates. Except for a temporary certificate issued under Sec. 61.17 or a student pilot certificate issued under paragraph (b) of this section, the holder of a paper pilot certificate issued under this part may not exercise the privileges of that certificate after March 31, 2010".

Individuals who are certificated under Title 14, CFR Part 63, *Certification: Flight Crewmembers Other Than Pilots* who have been issued the paper certificate must change their certificate to the plastic certificate by 31 March 2013. Individuals affected are those who have been issued the following FAA certificates: Flight Engineer and Flight Navigator.

The change to Title 14, CFR Part 63.15, *Duration of Certificates*, subparagraph (d) was issued on 28 February 2008 and states "Except for temporary certificate issued under Sec. 63.13, the holder of a paper certificate issued under this part may not exercise the privileges of that certificate after March 31, 2013".

Individuals who are certificated under Title 14, CFR Part 65, *Certification: Airmen Other than Flight Crewmembers* who have been issued the paper certificate must change their certificate to the plastic certificate by 31 March 2013. Individuals affected are those who have been issued the following FAA certificates: Air-Traffic Control-Tower Operator, Aircraft Dispatcher, Airframe and/or Powerplant, Parachute Rigger, etc.

The change to Title 14, CFR Part 65.15, *Duration of Certificates*, subparagraph (d) was issued on 28 February 2008 and states "Except for temporary certificates issued under Sec. 65.13, the holder of a paper certificate issued under this part may not exercise the privileges of that certificate after March 31, 2013".

There are two ways to comply with the FAA rule changes and replace your certificate:

1. Register on the FAA's Airmen On-Line Services <https://amsrvs.registry.faa.gov/amsrvs/Logon.asp> and request a replacement. A \$2.00 fee is required and payable by credit card online.
2. Request in writing to the Airmen Certification Branch. Mail a written request or completed AC Form 8060-56, *Application for Replacement of Lost, Destroyed, or Paper Airman Certificate(s)* downloadable from http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/certificate_replacement/. Ensure you provide the FAA your full name, certificate number, address, reason for request (paper to plastic) and signature. Mail letter or form and a check for \$2.00 to:

Federal Aviation Administration
Airmen Certification Branch, AFS-760
P.O. Box 25082
Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0082

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